

## **Magnolia – Queen Anne District Council**

Monday, October 8, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Bayview Manor

### **Minutes**

**Attendance** - Members attending were Glenn Avery, Lauren Balter, Carol Burton, Bruce Carter, Susan Casey, John Coney, Jane Couchman, Stephen DeForest, Janis Traven, Mike Warren, and Monica Wooten. Department of Neighborhood staff attending was Christa Dumpys. Also present were Catherine Lester, Deputy Director, Human Services Department; Art Brochet, Capital Projects Coordinator, SDOT; Patrice Carroll, SDPD; and Debbi Frausto, FOLKpark.

**Call to Order** – Janis Traven called the meeting to order and the agenda was adopted with the addition of an update on Smith Cove. The minutes were approved with the correction of Don Harper's name.

**CNC** – Lauren Balter reported that Budget Director Beth Goldberg attended the September CNC meeting and said the projected deficits were smaller than had been anticipated earlier. The organization is seeking volunteers to serve on its Transportation and Education committees.

**Emergency Preparedness** – Lauren said that the Committee applied for a Small & Simple Grant to be used in improving HUB outreach and for CPR training.

**Stable Housing** – Catherine Lester, Deputy Director, Seattle Human Services Department, said her organization has a staff of 338 and a budget of \$122 million. It deals with disadvantaged youth, community support for self-sufficiency, transitional living, and aging and disability issues. The Department awards and administers approximately 150 contracts for community services. These include shelter providers, mental health care, and many other services. It is involved in prevention programs, shelters, day hygiene, and housing stabilization among other things. Catherine said some of these contracts had been in place for years without competitive bidding. The Department is moving to calling for bids on the various services but is meeting resistance from many of the providers. At this time there is not competitive bidding for shelter services but the Department hopes to implement bidding in the future.

Members raised concerns about youth outreach, elimination of the downtown free ride area, violent street people, vagrants who have no interest in shelters. In response, Catherine said there were peer-to-peer programs and late night programs operating on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue downtown. She said about a third of street people are Seattle residents, a third from other places in King County, and a third from outside the county.

**Bridging the Gap Process** – Art Brochet, Capital Projects Coordinator, SDOT, discussed the process of applying for the Neighborhood Street Funds. He said there would be \$4.5 million allocated in this round. In January the District Councils will review applications in the respective areas and each District will submit up to three projects for SDOT's evaluation. In June, SDOT will report estimated costs of each project back to the District Councils and the Councils will rank the projects. The proposed projects must be for transportation and cost \$100,000 or more. Projects approved will be in construction in 2015.

Proposed projects must be entirely within the street right-of-way. Criteria are listed online and project applications can be submitted on the Bridging the Gap website.

[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg\\_nsf\\_large.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_nsf_large.htm)

**15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Corridor Study** – Patrice Carroll, Department of Planning and Development, discussed the process of reviewing land use and zoning along the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor from Interbay to Ballard. Recommendations for any changes for zoning will be made by next spring. The area involved runs from NW Market Street and W Prospect Street and from the train tracks on the west to 1½ blocks east of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue W.

In discussion it was noted that additional connections to Magnolia via surface streets would be desirable. Waterways and bridges would not be included.

**Magnolia Historical Society** – Monica Wooten reported that the Historical Society is working with Lawton School to help the fourth and fifth graders learn about the political process. The students are developing presentations of the process, institutions and current elections.

**Magnolia Community Club** – Bruce Carter announced that the Community Club is sponsoring a candidate's forum and a review of the Seawall bond issue.

**FOLKPark** – There was an update on the status of an application being made for Bridging the Gap Neighborhood Funds for a project at the Prospect Street entrance to Kinnear Park.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.